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ABSTRACT

This document presents national data on: (1) children, families, and working parents; (2) the importance of child care; (3) the current status of child care; and (4) funding for child care. Specifically, the report includes figures on: (1) parents in the labor force and children with parents in the labor force; (2) the familial, economic, social, cognitive, and emotional effects of poor and of high quality child care; (3) how children are cared for; (4) the regulation of child care; (5) salaries, high turnover rates, and other working conditions of child care workers; (6) the cost of child care; (7) federal funding for child care; (8) state funding for child care; and (9) local and private sector roles in the provision of child care. (Contains 32 references.) (JW)

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